


**DAMPMAN'S HOTEL** - 1850-1855 - Harford Road and Sunshine Avenue, southwest corner, at Fork village. Old frame hotel used by farmers on their way from Harford County to Baltimore. During the Civil War, Sergeant William Fields, one of the Confederate raiders who was shot by civilian Ishmael Day, was by some accounts taken to this hotel and later moved to Baltimore where he died at West's Hospital; this version of the shooting was given by James Kelley, a Towson attorney. Fields was the only casualty of the war in that neighborhood. Dampman's Hotel, to which Dampman never had title, was advertised in 1895 as having been a hotel for 40 years. It served as J. Lester Smith's store for decades, and once housed two rival telephone exchanges. Building damaged by fire on November 6, 1976. Restored and carries on as an antique shop.

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1. STATE <b>Maryland</b> COUNTY <b>Baltimore</b> TOWN <b>Fork</b> VICINITY <b>Dist. XI</b> STREET NO. <b>Harford Road &amp; Sunshine Avenue</b>  ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE WALL CONSTRUCTION NO. OF STORIES		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <b>BA-250249</b>	
		2. NAME <b>Dampman's Hotel</b>  DATE OR PERIOD <b>before 1865</b> STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <span style="float: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC</span>  <p style="text-align: center;">Old frame hotel used by farmers on their way from Harford County to Baltimore. During the Civil War Sgt. William Fields, who was shot by Ishmael Day, was taken to this hotel and later died. He was the only casualty of the war in the area.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(second HABS report)          E. Frances Offutt          HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE          COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY          March 20, 1968</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE    Endangered                      Interior                      Exterior			
 6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER   DATE OF RECORD	

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